

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Parks W9591

Elizabeth Parks

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State of Indiana Jefferson County Sct. }

On this 28th day of August 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Jefferson County Circuit for said County, personally appeared Hugh Parks aged sixty-four years resident in Jefferson County State of Indiana who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That the said Hugh Parks enlisted in the Continental service in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain William Goodman of the 4th North Carolina Regiment in May the 12th 1776: That he continued in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 20th day of May 1779 -- when he was discharged from service in Paramus ~~State of~~ New Jersey, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] and that he ~~is in reduced circumstances~~ & he [has] no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Hillis

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State of Indiana Scott County } Sct.

On this Second day of March in the year while Lord 1829 personally appeared in the Scott Circuit Court, being opened and a court of record for said County, Hugh Parks resident of said County aged eighty-two years the 15th day of February last past who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Hugh Parks enlisted for the term of six months in the company commanded by Captain Roger More [sic, Roger Moore] on the ___ day of ___ in the State of North Carolina (the certificate and discharge both being lost, he cannot recollect dates). That afterwards Captain William Goodman coming to the command of said Company he enlisted for the term of three years under said Captain Goodman in the said company in the State of North Carolina aforesaid in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Polke [sic, Thomas Polk] in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps (about 4 years and 4 months) when he was discharged from the service at Pyramus [sic, Paramus] in the State of New Jersey. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present.

That his name has been placed on the pension list. That his pension Certificate is dated 28th of August 1818 and is numbered 4728 and he drew a pension up to 4 March 1820 that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because he finally hoped that with the assistance of his family and the prudent management of his little property he might be able to gain a support without the aid of his country -- But as his property is not of a productive kind, as his sons, with the exception of one hereinafter named, have all left him and as a wound in his left leg, which he received in a night skirmish near Pedee [River] in North Carolina has of late years nearly disabled him from labor he feels himself justified and necessitated to ask his Country for aid.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -- By Occupation I am a farmer but in consequence of my lameness in my left leg I have not been able of late years to do any active labor. I have seven children living three of whom reside with me to wit my son Pleasant Parks aged about 25 years and my 2 daughters Elizabeth Parks aged about 23 years and Sally Parks aged about 19 years -- my wife is so aged and infirm that she can render me very little assistance. That since the 18 March 1818 and has been no material change in my property other than the natural increase in decrease of my stock.

S/ Hugh Parks, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in Open court March 2, 1829

S/ James Ward, C

Schedule			
2 Horses	\$30.00	one old table	\$00.25
11 Head of cattle	20.00	6 old chairs	".75
25 or 30 head of hogs	15.00	furniture of house	
11 sheep	5.50	(except bedding) say	10.00
one old wagon	10.00	111 acres of 3rd rate	
4 old plows	8.00	land indifferent	220.00
2 axes	2.00		<u>101.25</u>
5 hoes	5.00		\$332.25
1 Steel trap	1.00		
1 log chain	.75	March 2, 1829	
4 pr. horse gears	<u>4.00</u>		
	101.25	S/ Hugh Parks, X his mark	

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State of Indiana Scott County } SS

On this Sixth day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Scott County Circuit Court now sitting for said County (being a court of record) Hugh Parks a resident of said County, aged Eighty-Five years last February, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army

of the United States in the year, __, and served in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line, for six months in a company commanded by Captain Roger More [sic, Roger Moore], on the __ day of __, in the State of North Carolina (the Certificate & discharge both being lost he cannot recollect dates) that afterwards Captain William Goodman coming to the command of said Company he enlisted for the term of three years under said Captain Goodman and said company in the State of North Carolina aforesaid in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Polke [sic, Thomas Polk] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps (about four years and four months) until the __ day of __, (time not recollected) when he was discharged from the Service at Pyramus [sic, Paramus] in the State of New Jersey. He was commanded by General Frank Nash [Francis Nash], Colonel __ Polke, Lieutenant Colonel James Saxton, Colonel Polke afterwards resigned his command and Lieutenant Colonel James Saxton was promoted to the command of said Regiment. He resided in Orange County in the State of North Carolina when he entered the Service. He was in the battles of the Brandywine and Germantown, those were the two principal battles in which he was engaged. He was also in several skirmishes, particularly on one Knight [sic] near Pedee [River] in North Carolina he was engaged in a skirmish in which he received a wound in the left leg, which has of late years wholly disabled him from labor. -- he further states that he has once been on the pension roll under the Act of March 1818 and 1st May 1820, and has been dropped therefrom on account of property, and at the time he made said Application he then resided in the County of Scott & State of Indiana. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of Indiana.

S/ Hugh Parks, X his mark

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Ward, Clerk

[p 25: On June 29, 1843 in Scott County Indiana, Elizabeth Parks, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Hugh Parks, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him December 18, 1781 or 1782, she cannot recollect which; that her husband died December 13, 1838; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Barnhill; that she and her husband had 13 [sic, 14] children to wit, first born dead, second John Parks, Mary, Samuel, James, Hugh, Robert, Elexander [sic, Alexander?], William, Margaret, Pleasant, Jesse, Elizabeth, Sarah; that her husband died in Scott County Indiana; that she was married in Leatherford County North Carolina [sic, Rutherford County NC ?].]

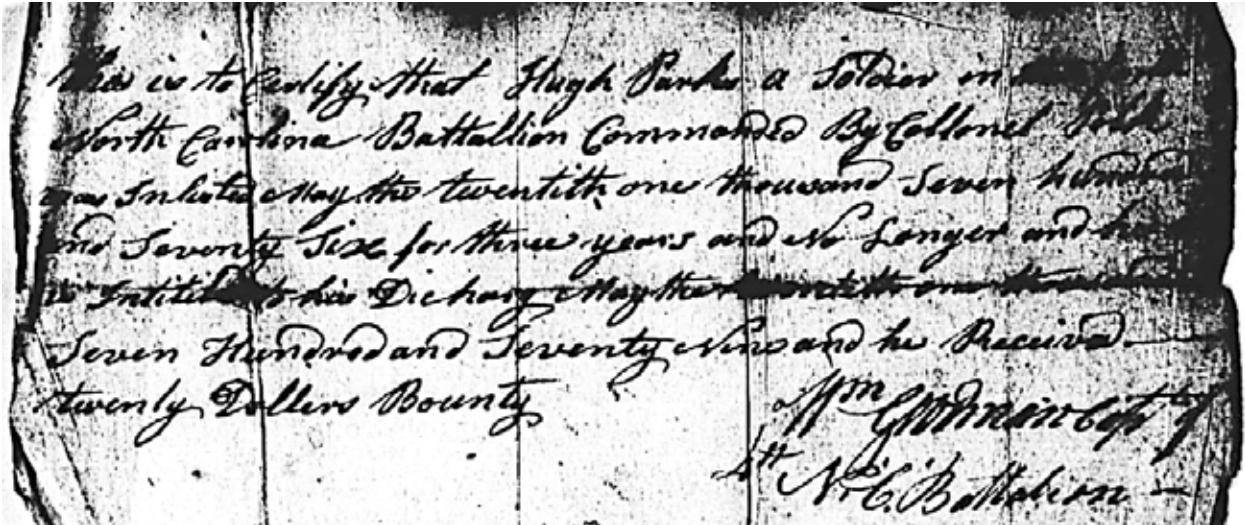
[p 27: Robert Parks, 52, gave an affidavit dated June 29, 1843 and Scott County Indiana in support of his mother's application for a widows pension.]

[p 40: On October 10, 1843 in Scott County Indiana, Philip Monroe, 80, gave testimony that he knew Hugh and Elizabeth Parks in Rutherford County North Carolina; that he was present [somewhere] on the day of their wedding although he does not recall whether he was present at the wedding or not; that he is confident that they were lawfully married; that Hugh and Elizabeth Parks removed from Rutherford to the State of Kentucky; that he, the affiant, removed to Scott County Indiana and some time afterwards Hugh and Elizabeth Parks moved to the same County and lived together as man and wife.]

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This is to Certify that Hugh Parks a soldier in the fourth North Carolina Battalion commanded by Colonel Polk was Inlisted May the twentieth one 1776 for three years and No longer and he is Intitled to his Discharge May the [balance of the sentence is illegible] 1779 and he Received twenty Dollars Bounty.

S/ Wm Goodman Capt. of
4th N.C. Battalion



This is to Certify that Hugh Parks a Soldier in the
North Carolina Battalion Commanded By Colonel Polk
was Inlisted May the twentieth one thousand Seven hundred
and Seventy Six for three years and No longer and he
is Intitled to his Discharge May the [balance of the sentence is illegible]
Seven hundred and Seventy nine and he Received
twenty Dollars Bounty
Wm Goodman Capt
4th N.C. Battalion

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Note: pp 4-12 appears to be a 'family record' but the images are so compromised as to render them illegible except for two entries on p 12 as follows:

"Elizabeth Parks Was born in the year of our Lord 1806 March the 20th
Sarah Parks was born ~~March~~ the November 1th 12 1809"]